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FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPTS
FROM DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN'S PRESS BRIEFING OCTOBER 4, 1974:

Q. DO YOU HAVE THE DETAILS OF THE SECRETARY'S TRAVEL?

A. NO, I DO NOT. THE ONE LEAVING NEXT WEEK. WE WILL
LEAVE ON TUESDAY -- I WILL GIVE YOU FOR YOUR OWN GUIDANCE--
TUESDAY NIGHT.

Q. IS THAT ABOUT MIDNIGHT?

A. ABOUT, YES.

Q. DO WE HAVE THE SEQUENCE OF COUNTRIES DOWN YET? I KNOW
THERE ARE FOUR, BUT I DON'T KNOW THAT WE KNOW THE ORDER HE
IS GOING TO VISIT THEM, DO WE?

A. I WILL GIVE YOU THE SPECIFIC DETAILS LATER. THE
SEQUENCE THAT YOU WERE GIVEN, I BELIEVE, IS THE SEQUENCE IN
WHICH HE WILL VISIT THEM.

Q. YOU WERE HURT ON ISRAEL AND YOU WERE HELPED ON CHILE.
DO YOU HAVE ANY COMMENT ON THOSE TWO THINGS? (NOTE: REFER-
ENCE TO HOUSE-SENATE CONFERENCE ACTION.)

WELL, THEY CUT \$300 MILLION -- OR THEY WOULDN'T PROVIDE
THE EXTRA \$300 MILLION FOR ISRAEL. AND THEY REVERSED THE
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CUT-OFF OF THE MILITARY AID TO CHILE. DO YOU HAVE A
REACTION TO EITHER OF THOSE?

A. WELL, I THINK IN YESTERDAY'S BRIEFING, JOHN KING GAVE
OUR COMMENT WITH REGARD TO CHILE.

Q. WHAT DOES THIS DO TO THE MID EAST PACKAGE, AND WILL
THAT HAVE ANY EFFECT ON THE SECRETARY'S PEACE NEGOTIATIONS

IN THE MIDDLE EAST?

A. WELL, I THINK, AT THIS TIME, I'D JUST LIKE TO STAY WITH WHAT I HAVE SAID, THAT THIS SOLUTION IS SOMETHING THAT WE CAN WORK WITH.

Q. DOES THAT MEAN YOU ARE WILLING TO PUT OFF NEW AID PACKAGES FOR THE MIDDLE EAST UNTIL NEXT YEAR?

A. LET ME REPLY IN A GENERAL WAY HERE, THAT WE HAVE CONSISTENTLY FAVORED, NATURALLY FAVORED, THE AID BILL THAT THE ADMINISTRATION PUT FORWARD. WE STILL WANT TO SEE THAT AID BILL PASSED, AND HOPEFULLY WITHOUT MANY OF THE RESTRICTIONS THAT HAD BEEN PROPOSED.

Q. YOU DIDN'T ANSWER ALL OF BARRY'S QUESTION. HE ASKED YOU ABOUT THE REFUSAL TO AUTHORIZE THE \$300 MILLION FOR ISRAEL, AND YOU ONLY ANSWERED ON THE QUESTION OF CHILE. WHAT IS YOUR VIEW OF THAT, ON THE ISRAELI SIDE?

A. LET ME COME BACK TO YOU ON THAT, WOULD YOU, PLEASE?

Q. THE EGYPTIAN CHIEF OF STAFF, GENERAL GAMAZI, WAS QUOTED IN A PUBLISHED INTERVIEW TODAY WITH SOME RATHER HEFTY SABRE RATTLING. DOES THE DEPARTMENT HAVE ANY RESPONSE TO THAT ACTION? (NOTE: THE QUESTIONER MEANT TO REFER TO THE INTERVIEW GIVEN TO AL-AHRAM BY DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER FOR WAR FIELD MARSHAL AHMED ISMAIL ALI.)

A. I HAVE NOT SEEN THE INTERVIEW ON THAT. END QUOTE. KISSINGER

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